



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Month of Peace

WHEREAS, the issue of peace embraces the deepest hopes of all peoples and remains humanity's guiding inspiration; and

WHEREAS, global crises impel all citizens to work toward converting humanity's noblest aspirations for world peace into a practical reality for future generations; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 the United Nations proclaimed the International Day of Peace be "devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples"; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations expanded the observance of the International Day of Peace in 2001 to include the call for a day of global ceasefire and non-violence, and invited all nations and people to honor a cessation of hostilities for the duration of the Day; and


WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island is expanding the awareness of this special day to create multiple events for peace throughout the month of September; and

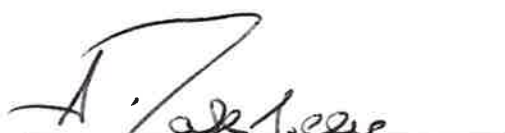
WHEREAS, the observance of Month of Peace affirms a vision of our world at peace, and fosters cooperation between individuals, organizations and nations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim September 2012 as Month of Peace in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 31ST day of August, 2012


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State